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### 1. INDOCHINA

VC COMMANDOS RAID VILLAGE WITHIN SEVEN MILES OF SAIGON  
AND FOUR MILES OF TAN SON NHUT IN ONE OF CLOSEST ATTACKS  
TO CAPITAL SINCE C-F (WSJ).

PL NEWS AGENCY REPORTS THAT SOUVANNA RECOVERED FROM  
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HEART ATTACK AND PLANS TO RETURN SOON (REUTER HK).

IN ARTICLE ON HILL ACTION ON BILL TO REPLACE CONTINUING  
RESOLUTION VETOED BECAUSE OF TURKISH AID CONTROVERSY,

WP'S RUSSELL AND RICH MENTION THAT HOUSE BY VOICE VOTE  
KNOCKED OUT PROVISION ALLOWING 85 MILLION DOLS IN  
FERTILIZER TO BE SHIPPED TO SVN, ON BASIS THAT SUPPLIES  
SHORT AND "SHOULD BE GIVEN TO OUR OWN FARMERS FIRST."  
HOUSE VOTED TO LIMIT VN SHIPMENT TO "TOKEN 1,000 DOLS  
WORTH."

## 2. THAI-VIET

UPI BANGKOK (WP) REPORTS DRV AND RTG HINT AT WARMER LINKS.  
HANOI OFFERS TO OPEN CULTURAL EXCHANGES, IN WHAT WOULD

BE FIRST DIALOG BETWEEN THEM SINCE 1964, AND THAILAND  
IS READY TO DISCUSS OFFER, ACCORDING TO RTG FM SPOKESMAN.  
OFFER CAME IN FORM OF SUGGESTION TO THAI NEWSMAN VISITING  
HANOI. SPOKESMAN SAYS DIRECTIVE WILL GO OUT "WITHIN 24  
HOURS" TO UNSPECIFIED THAI EMBASSY TO FOLLOW UP OFFER  
WITH NVN DIPLOMATS, AND "WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS  
WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF AN ERA OF PEACE AND COOPERATION..."  
UPI NOTES THAT UNTIL NOW THAI ATTEMPTS AT CONTACTS  
HAVE BEEN REBUFFED ON GROUNDS THAT US TROOPS AND WAR-  
PLANES ARE STATIONED IN THAILAND. AMONG SUBJECTS RTG  
WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ARE DRV SUPPORT FOR THAI INSURGENTS  
AND RESUMING REPATRIATION OF ABOUT 50,000 NORTH VIET  
REFUGEES WHO ENTERED THAILAND DURING FRENCH-INDOCHINA  
WAR. SINCE OVERTHROW OF MIL GOVT YEAR AGO, RTG HAS  
SOFTENED ITS ANTICOMMUNIST POLICY AND HAS ALSO ESTABLISHED  
CONTACTS WITH CHINA.

## 2. CHINA

AP'S SIMPSON REPORTS AMB. BUSH, ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE  
FOR USLO, SAYING HE HOPES TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO  
NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH PEKING, THOUGH HE FORESEES NO  
IMMEDIATE DRAMATIC CHANGES. BUSH SAID THAT IN TRYING  
TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITHIN SPIRIT OF SHANGHAI  
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COMMUNIQUE, "ONE HAS TO BE PATIENT AND ...ON THE ALERT  
ABOUT WAYS TO CONTINUE TO HAVE IMPROVED RELATIONS,"  
AND ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN CAUTIONED NOT TO EXPECT  
DAILY CONTACT WITH PRC OFFICIALS. "BUT THIS IS CERTAINLY  
UNDERSTANDABLE, WE'RE FEELING OUR WAY ALONG HERE." THERE  
"CEARLY CAN AND WILL BE" MOVLMNT ON ISSUES SIGNIFICANT  
TO BOTH COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH HE WAS "NOT AT LIBERTY TO  
GO INTO LOTS OF DETAIL ON WHEN AND WHERE THESE MIGHT  
COME." AMB. HAD "NO TIME FRAME" ON PROGRESS OF SINO-  
US CULTURAL AND TRADE AGREEMENTS. ASKED WHETHER  
IMPROVEMENT IN US-PRC RELATIONS WILL DEPEND ON HAK'S  
PROWESS AND POTENCY, BUSH REPLIED: "I DON'T THINK THE  
POLICY IS DEPENDENT ON ANY INDIVIDUAL" BEING PRES OR  
SECSTATE; "BUT, I ALSO FEEL THAT NOBODY UNDERSTANDS THE

PACE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TIMING BETTER THAN SEC.  
KISSINGER."

REUTER REPORTS TENG HSIAO-PING, SPEAKING TUESDAY TO  
VISITING FRG PARLIAMENTARIANS, SAID THIRD WORLD WAR  
IS POSSIBLE, AND IF IT HAPPENS IT WILL RESULT FROM  
POLICIES OF DOMINATION OF TWO SUPERPOWERS. ACCORDING  
SOURCES CLOSE TO GERMANS, TENG ALSO DEFENDED USE OF OIL  
AS WEAPON AND CLAIMED IT WOULD HIT SUPERPOWERS HARDEST  
(LAT OCT 16).

WP'S RAMSEY, IN BRUSSELS, CITES DECISION BY EEC FMS  
AUTHORIZING COMMART TO MAKE HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS WITH  
COMECON. WHILE PRC, SOVIET AND EE HAVE IN PAST "ACTED  
AS IF COMMART DID NOT EXIST," RECENT INDICATION FROM  
SOVIET SOURCES THAT MOSCOW IS SERIOUSLY THINKING OF  
SENDING DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO BRUSSELS MAY HAVE BEEN  
CAUSED BY RUMORS THAT PEKING IS SHORTLY TO RECOGNIZE  
COMMART. RAMSEY SAYS EXPERTS DOUBT PRC WILL MAKE ANY  
FORMAL MOVES BEFORE NEXT YEAR, BUT WHEN IT DOES, SOVIET  
COULD BE SEVERELY EMBARRASSED INSIDE EASTERN BLOC  
WHERE POLAND AND HUNGARY, AMONG OTHERS, ARE UNDERSTOOD  
TO FAVOR CLOSER LINKS TO EEC.

#### 4. AUSTRALIA

JOC (SYDNEY) REPORTS PRC WILL HOLD ITS FIRST-EVER  
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ECON/TRADE EXHIBITION IN AUSTRALIA OCT. 18-27  
IN SYDNEY. IT WILL BE SOMEWHAT SMALLER EQUIVALENT  
OF LARGER AUSSIE EXHIBITION IN PEKING, AND WILL BE  
DIVIDED INTO FIVE SECTIONS: AUSSIE-PRC FRIENDSHIP,  
AGRICULTURE, HEAVY MACHINERY AND HEAVY INDUSTRY,  
LIGHT INDUSTRY, AND ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS.

GOA ANNOUNCES THAT WOOMERA MISSILE-TESTING CENTER,  
OPERATED JOINTLY WITH UK, WILL BE "MOTHBALLED"  
AFTER RESEARCH PACT EXPIRES IN 1976. SKELETO  
MAINTENANCE STAFF WILL REPLACE 900 TECHNICALS (WP).

LAT'S LAMB, IN SYDNEY, REPORTS GOA DISTURBED AT  
DECLINING BIRTHRATE WHICH, FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
WAS DOWN ONE-THIRD FROM PREVIOUS YEAR; ESTIMATES  
ARE THAT NUMBER OF BIRTHS THIS YEAR WILL BE WELL  
BELOW 59,417 RECORDED LAST YEAR -- LOWEST NUMBER  
SINCE WWII.

#### 5. JAPAN

SCHLESINGER SAYS QUESTION OF US NUKES DID NOT EVEN  
COME UP IN HIS MEETING TUESDAY WITH GOJ DEFENSE

DIRECTOR YAMANAKA (REUTER, SUN).

MIT'S YAMASHITA WARNS THAT JAPAN IS ALMOST CERTAINLY HEADED FOR DEPRESSION. NYT'S HALLORAN, IN TOKYO, REPORTS YAMASHITA, "IN FORTHRIGHT REMARKS, RARE FROM A GOVT OFFICIAL IN ANY NATION," TELLING NEWSMEN AT LUNCHEON WEDNESDAY THAT GOJ WILL HAVE TO PREPARE MULTI-LAYERED DEFENSE TO PREVENT CHAIN REACTION OF

BANKRUPTCIES AND CATASTROPHIC DEPRESSION. HALLORAN NOTES YAMASHITA GAINED WIDE RECOGNITION IN JAPAN FOR HIS ACCURATE PREDICTIONS WHEN OIL CRISIS BEGAN YEAR AGO, AND REPORTS HIM ALSO SAYING THAT IF JAPAN WERE HIT BY RECESSION, "WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO FACE A LARGE-SCALE DEPRESSION IN EUROPE AND THE US, TOO."

BUNGEI SHUNJU NOV. ISSUE CHARGES TANAKA ACQUIRED UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGE PERSONAL FORTUNE BY PEDDLING FAVORS AND INFLUENCE IN EXCHANGE FOR MONETARY GIFTS THROUGH HIS POLITICAL CAREER, AND THAT PM HAS CONSISTENTLY CONCEALED HIS TRUE WEALTH IN WEB OF PHONY "GHOST CORPORATIONS", DESIGNED TO EVADE JAPANESE INCOME TAX LAWS. GOVT SPOKESMAN SAYS ARTICLE IS "INTERNAL POLITICAL ISSUE" ON WHICH TANAKA WILL HAVE "ABSOLUTELY, DEFINITELY NO COMMENT." SUN'S SEIDEN REPORTS ARTICLE GOES FAR BEYOND USUAL VAGUE CHARGES, WITH EXHAUSTIVE, BLOW-BY-BLOW ACCOUNT OF PREMIER'S RISE TO WEALTH AND POLITICAL POWER, IN ARTICLE PRODUCED BY TEAM OF 20 INVESTIGATORS AND REPORTEDLY BASED LARGELY ON PUBLIC DOCUMENTS. ARTICLE CLAIMS TANAKA'S TRUE WEALTH IS HIDDEN IN SIX DIFFERENT CHEMICAL AND TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES, 8 MILLION DOLS WORTH OF TOKYO REAL ESTATE, AND THREE SUMMER VILLAS IN EXPENSIVE RESORT TOWN. ADDS THAT DESPITE MANY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLS IN INCOME, TANAKA ONLY DECLARED 279,000 DOLS INCOME ON HIS 1973 TAX STATEMENT. SEIDEN CONTENTS ARTICLE IS REMARKABLE NOT ONLY FOR CONTENT BUT ALSO FOR VERY FACT IT WAS PUBLISHED IN JAPAN WHERE THERE HAS LONG BEEN UNSPOKEN AGREEMENT TO AVOID QUESTIONS OF PERSONAL FINANCE AND CORRUPTION. ACCORDING LONG-TIME OBSERVERS OF JAPANESE PRESS, THIS KIND OF INVESTIGATIVE REPORT HAS NEVER BEEN ATTEMPTED IN JAPAN, AND BUNGEI SHUNJU EDITOR SAYS IT WAS INSPIRED BY US REPORTING ON WATERGATE.

TOYOBO CO. SAYS IT PLANS CUTTING WORK FORCE ABOUT 10 PER CENT THROUGH VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT, AND WILL CUT SALARIES OF ABOUT 30 EXECUTIVES 10 PER CENT, BEGINNING NEXT MONTH (WSJ). FINANCE MINISTRY REPORTS JAPAN'S

OVERALL INTERNATIONAL-PAYMENTS ACCOUNT RAN IN BLACK  
IN SEPT. FOR FIRST TIME IN 19 MONTHS, LARGELY ON  
INFLUX OF PETRODOLLARS FROM OIL-PRODUCING STATES  
(WSJ, JOC).

GOJ SOURCES SAY ECON/TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
TO BE INITIATED THIS MONTH BY GOJ AND SAUDI ARABIA  
MAY ENABLE SAUDIS TO OBTAIN PORTION OF NEEDED  
ECON/TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW FROM JAPAN (JOC).  
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#### 6. KOREA

AP SEOUL REPORTS FM KIM DONG JO SAID KIM DAE JUNG  
WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VISIT US.

AP SEOUL (WP, PHINQ) REPORTS SEOUL DISTRICT CRIMINAL  
COURT IMPOSED DEATH SENTENCE ON WOMAN CONVICTED OF  
BEING MASTER SPY FOR NK, SUPERVISING 7 ESPIONAGE  
NETWORKS IN SK.

SUN MYUNG MOON'S SEPT. 18 MADISON SQUARE GARDEN  
SERMON PUBLISHED IN TWO-PAGE WP AD. WP REPORTS 4,000  
CAME TO CONSTITUTION HALL LAST NIGHT, BUT MORE THAN  
HALF LEFT BEFORE SPEECH ENDED. OUTSIDE, GROUP OF

ABOUT 30 PROTESTERS, WHO SAID THEY REPRESENTED HALF  
DOZEN STUDENT GROUPS, MARCHED AND CHANTED AGAINST  
WHAT THEY CALLED FASCISM AND POLITICAL REPRESSION  
THEY SAY IS SUPPORTED IN KOREA BY MOON. S-N'S  
DIANA MCLELLAN (OCT. 16) DESCRIBES PROCEEDINGS AT  
LAVISH UNIFICATION CHURCH BANQUET OCT. 15 AT  
WASHINGTON HILTON. NOTES THAT TO VAST MAJORITY  
OF 3,000 OR SO GUESTS INVITED TO ATTEND, AT NO CHARGE,  
MOON WAS AN ENIGMA. MANY DID NOT KNOW WHY THEY WERE  
INVITED, BUT CAME OUT OF CURIOSITY. CITES UNIFICATION  
CHURCH REP THAT INVITEES WERE "ALL PEOPLE ACTIVE IN  
THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE."

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 7. VIETNAM

WP'S MCCOMBS FROM SAIGON REPORTS (P. 1) THAT POWERFUL  
BUDDHIST LEADERS ARE PRESSURING THIEU TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT  
STEPS TOWARD PEACE OR RESIGN, AND ARE PREPARED TO MAKE  
MORE DRAMATIC PROTESTS IF NO RESPONSE. AN QUANG RULING  
COUNCIL HAS SO FAR APPEARED CONSERVATIVE AND HESITANT  
COMPARED TO GROUPS MARCHING IN STREETS, BUT TRI QUANG  
HEADS SPECIAL OFFICE TO SUPERVISE EFFORT AND IS KNOWN  
TO BE PLANNING MOVES CAREFULLY. SVN BUDDHISM FRAGMENTED  
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BUT AN QUANG IS MOST INFLUENTIAL FACTION, CLAIMS CONTROL OF THREE MILLION AND ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE TO ADDITIONAL

THREE MILLION. MANY AN QUANG LEADERS INDICATE THEY ARE FOLLOWING POLICY OF GRADUAL ESCALATION IN PUTTING PRESSURE ON GVN, ISSUE CAREFUL STATEMENTS CALLING FOR RESIGNATION AND FOR BOTH SIDES TO STOP FIGHTING, AND ALSO WORK BEHIND SCENES TO CONVEY SERIOUSNESS OF INTENTIONS DIRECTLY TO THIEU.

MCCOMBS REVIEWS MILITANT AN QUANG ACTIONS OF PAST, NOTES THAT CURRENT STATEMENTS HAVE STRONGLY NONVIOLENT TONE. AN QUANG TACTICS SEEM TO BE IN LINE WITH CATHOLIC ANTI-CORRUPTION MOVEMENT, BUT BUDDHIST LEADERS DEEPLY DISTRUST RCS AND REGARD CATHOLICISM AS WESTERN PHILOSOPHY ALIEN TO VIET LIFE, "MUCH AS THEY REGARD COMMUNISM." AN QUANG SUPPORT FOR SEN MAU'S NATL FORCES OF RECONCILIATION IS WIDELY PUBLICIZED BUT MCCOMBS BELIEVES IT IS TENTATIVE, QUOTES MONK THAT FAITHFUL WOULD SACRIFICE LIVES FOR BUDDHISM BUT "WHO WANTS TO SACRIFICE HIS LIFE FOR...MAU?" SAYS THAT MAJOR TRI QUANG DUTY IS TO PREVENT COMMUNIST INFILTRATION, SINCE ANTICOMMUNISM OF RC MOVEMENT HAS SO FAR HELPED IMMUNIZE IT FROM GVN REPRESSION. BUDDHISTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MORE OPEN TO COMMUNIST INFILTRATION AND NOW APPEAR TO FEAR THAT THIS COULD PROVIDE GVN EXCUSE FOR REPRESSION THAT COULD RESULT IN CHAOS. MCCOMBS OPINES THAT ONE REASON FOR APPARENT BUDDHIST CONSERVATISM TODAY COMPARED TO MID-60S IS RELATIVE FREEDOM FROM REPRESSION (ABRIDGED IN GLOBE).

#### 8. CHINA

LAT'S ELEGANT (OCT 16) DISCUSSES WOMEN'S LIB IN PRC. IN CHINA, WOMEN'S LIB APPEARS SOMETIMES TO MEAN TRANSFERRING OBEDIENCE FROM MALE CHAUVINISTS WITHIN ONE'S HOUSEHOLD TO OFFICIALS WHO, PEKING FREELY ADMITS, ARE THEMSELVES CORRUPTED BY MALE CHAUVINISM. NOTES THAT PEOPLE'S DAILY EXHORTS WOMEN TO GIVE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO MALE-DOMINATED ESTABLISHMENT, RATHER THAN FIGHT IT TO SHAKE OFF MALE OPPRESSION. PD ADVISES THAT EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT CONSOLIDATION OF PROLETARIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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DICTATORSHIP, THUS IN EFFECT SAYING THAT CLASS STRUGGLE IS MORE IMPORTANT TO WOMEN THAN FIGHTING FOR FEMALE RIGHTS. ELEGANT OBSERVES THAT ALMOST EVERY ONE OF RELATIVELY FEW WOMEN WHO HOLD SENIOR POSITIONS IN PEKING HIERARCHY OWES HER RANK TO FAMILY CONNECTIONS. EVEN CHIANG CHING HAS NOT ATTAINED HER STATUS SOLELY

BY MERIT.

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IN WASHINGTON DATED LINE ARTICLE, DAVID SENTER (BOSTON  
H-A OCT 14) CITES "UNIMPEACHABLE LATIN AMERICAN  
DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" THAT BRAZILIAN GOVT TURNED DOWN  
RECENT APPLICATION OF 600 FAMILIES OF THE INDUSTRIAL  
HIERARCHY OF CHINESE NATIONALIST REGIME ON TAIWAN TO  
SETTLE IN AREA AROUND BRASILIA. APPLICANTS INCLUDED  
PROFESSIONAL ELITE WHO BROUGHT ECON SUCCESS TO TAIWAN.  
REQUEST WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PLEDGE OF APPROX 500 MILLION  
DOLLARS TO AID IN DEVELOPMENT OF BRASILIA AREA.  
BRAZILIAN GOVT TURNED DOWN "OFFER BECAUSE IT WAS IN  
PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING LUCRATIVE TRADE AGREEMENT WITH  
PRC AND FORMAL RECOGNITION OF PRC. SENTER SAYS GRIM  
TRAGEDY IS REFLECTED IN BRAZILIAN REJECTION OF  
IMMIGRATION REQUEST. THOUSANDS OF UPPER CLASS CHINESE  
NATIONALISTS BELIEVE THEY ARE FACED WITH EVENTUAL  
TAKEOVER BY PEKING; THEY DARE NOT ACCEPT ANY INVITATION  
TO RETURN TO MAINLAND OR REMAIN IN TAIWAN WHERE THEIR  
WEALTH IS CERTAIN TO BE EXPROPRIATED WHEN PRC TAKES  
OVER. SENTER ALSO DWELLS ON TAIWAN'S IMPORTANCE AS  
POTENTIAL BALANCE OF POWER IN CONTEST FOR CONTROL OF  
THE PACIFIC BETWEEN US-USSR-PRC.

IN LETTER TO NYT EDITOR, TWO UNIVERSITY PROFS OF CHINESE  
ANCESTRY, BORN AND RAISED IN TAIWAN, DIG INTO CHINESE  
HISTORY AND CITE CONTEMPORARY CHINESE DEVELOPMENTS TO  
DISPUTE CONTENTION OF PROFESSORS MAJOR AND WILBUR THAT  
TAIWAN SHOULD MAINTAIN DIFFERENT POLITICAL IDENTITY.  
SAY ONLY RATIONAL CHOICE FOR US IS TO SUPPORT UNIFICATION  
OF TAIWAN AND CHINA; ALL OTHER ALTERNATIVES WILL VIOLATE  
SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. KISSINGER

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